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Applicant : Richard Lauder, et al.  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Page 3, line 28, after "Figure 4", insert --, including Figures 4A, and 4B, depicts--.

Page 4, line 1, after "Figure 5", insert --, including Figures 5A, and 5B, depicts--.

Page 4, line 4, after "Figure 7", insert --, including Figures 7A, 7B, and 7C, depicts--.

Page 4, line 5, after "Figure 8", insert --, including Figures 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D, depicts--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "in claims 10 or 11", and insert --claim 10--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

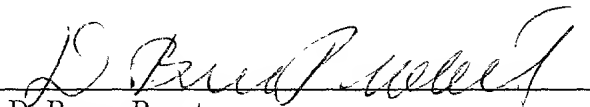
Claim 17, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

**REMARKS**

In view of the foregoing amendments, consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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